

# House Resolution 109 - Introduced

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1 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_  
1 2 BY H. MILLER, FORD, BERRY, and ABDUL-SAMAD  
1 3 A Resolution designating February 2008 as Black History  
1 4 Month.  
1 5 WHEREAS, Black History Month in the United States  
1 6 dates back to 1926, based upon the efforts of Dr.  
1 7 Carter G. Woodson, a Harvard-educated scholar  
1 8 descended from slave parents; and  
1 9 WHEREAS, Black History Month is traditionally  
1 10 observed in February of each year; and  
1 11 WHEREAS, Black History Month is designated to  
1 12 recognize and pay tribute to many African-Americans  
1 13 long neglected by society and the history books; and  
1 14 WHEREAS, Black History Month aims to bridge the gap  
1 15 created by American history's failure to accurately  
1 16 acknowledge, portray, and record the contributions of  
1 17 Blacks in society; and  
1 18 WHEREAS, Black History Month acknowledges the  
1 19 achievements of Blacks in the military, the arts,  
1 20 civil rights, education, economics, entertainment,  
1 21 history, law, literature, medicine, music, politics,  
1 22 science, sports, and other areas; and  
1 23 WHEREAS, the African-American population in Iowa  
1 24 has grown from 1.4 percent of the state population in  
1 25 1980 to 2.5 percent in 2006, and is projected to grow  
1 26 to 3.4 percent of the state population by 2030; and  
1 27 WHEREAS, African-Americans in Iowa are increasingly  
1 28 assuming leadership roles in law, medicine,  
1 29 government, education, the arts, and other areas; and  
1 30 WHEREAS, four African-Americans are currently  
2 1 serving in the House of Representatives, the largest  
2 2 number of African-Americans ever in the House; NOW  
2 3 THEREFORE,  
2 4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
2 5 That the House of Representatives designates February  
2 6 2008 as Black History Month and encourages schools,  
2 7 community leaders, religious leaders, and all Iowans  
2 8 to take this opportunity to discover the history of  
2 9 African-Americans in Iowa, from George Washington  
2 10 Carver to James B. Morris to Simon Estes, and to learn  
2 11 about the contributions African-Americans continue to  
2 12 make to Iowa's economic and cultural well-being.  
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